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Colonel Donald P. Higgins, Jr., is the commander of the Air Force Studies and Analyses Agency (AFSAA), an Air Force Field Operating Agency. Leading the premier analytic organization in the Air Force, he supports senior decision makers by shedding light through appropriate analyses, insights, models, and simulations to help the Air Force create and maintain the appropriate forces to execute its mission.

Colonel Higgins entered the Air Force in 1976, receiving his commission through the United States Air Force Academy. Operationally, he has flown the F-111A/D/F, EF-111A, F-117A, T-38A, and B-2A on assignments in the United States and overseas. His staff assignments include positions at Headquarters, Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, VA; Headquarters, United States Southern Command, Quarry Heights, Republic of Panama; and Headquarters USAF, the Pentagon. In addition to AFSAA, he has commanded an Air Force squadron and group.



EDUCATION:

- 1976 Bachelor of science degree in geography, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO
- 1981 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1982 Marine Corps Command and Staff College
- 1985 Master of science degree in business administration and management, Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA
- 1990 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1993 Advanced Military Linguist, Spanish Language, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA
- 1996 National Defense Fellow, Harvard University Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, MA

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1976 – June 1977, undergraduate pilot training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX
2. July 1977 – December 1977, F-111D student, 523rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
3. January 1978 – July 1981, F-111F pilot weapons system officer and aircraft commander, 493rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
4. July 1981 – October 1981, student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
5. October 1981 – February 1983, F-111A instructor pilot, 389th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID
6. February 1983 – October 1984, EF-111A aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and chief of standardization evaluation, 390th Electronic Combat Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID
7. October 1984 – May 1986, EF-111A flight examiner, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, Mountain Home AFB, ID
8. May 1986 – July 1987, air staff officer, Ground Attack Requirements Division, Fighter Requirements Directorate, deputy chief of staff for requirements, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, VA
9. July 1987 – July 1989, executive officer to the DCS for requirements, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, VA
10. July 1989 – June 1990, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

11. June 1990 – December 1991, F-117A pilot, chief of safety, 37th Tactical Fighter Wing, Tonopah Test Range, NV, (also F-117A pilot, chief of safety, and operations officer, 37th Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional), King Khalid Air Base, Khamis-Mushayt, Saudi Arabia February 1991 to August 1991)
12. December 1991 - July 1992, commander, 37th Operations Support Squadron, Tonopah Test Range, NV
13. July 1992 – March 1993, student, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, CA
14. March 1993 – August 1994, assistant executive officer to the commander in chief, United States Southern Command, Quarry Heights, Republic of Panama
15. August 1994 – June 1995, vice director of operations, Headquarters United States Southern Command, Quarry Heights, Republic of Panama
16. July 1995 – June 1996, fellow, Harvard University Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, MA
17. June 1996 – July 1997, USAF planner for joint and NSC matters, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, deputy chief of staff for Air and Space Operations, Directorate of Joint Matters, Pentagon, Washington, DC
18. July 1997 - July 1998, commander, 3d Air Support Operations Group, Fort Hood, TX
19. August 1998 – September 1999, vice commander 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, MO
20. September 1999 – present, commander, Air Force Studies and Analyses Agency, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, deputy chief of staff for Air and Space Operations, Directorate of Command and Control, Pentagon, Washington, DC

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Ratings: Command pilot, parachutist

Flight hours: More than 2200

Aircraft Flown: F-111A/D/F, EF-111A, F-117A, T-38A, B-2A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Southwest Asia Campaign Medal

Liberation of Kuwait Medal (Saudi Arabia and Kuwait)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1985 Outstanding Young Men of America

1990 Secretary of the Air Force Leadership Award

1993 Defense Language Institute Provost Award

1998 Honorable Order of Saint Barbara

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1976

First Lieutenant June 2, 1978

Captain June 2, 1980

Major August 1, 1987

Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 1991

Colonel February 1, 1995

(Current as of October 1999)